July, 1995, made available for sale through its 42 promotional outlets, pure quality coffee powder blends at reasonable prices *viz*, (a) Plantation 'C' blend at Rs. 125/- per Kg. and (b) Commercial blend at Rs. 130/- per Kg. which are inclusive of all taxes and are much below the prevalent market price.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Revival of Shrimp Culture by MPEDA in Andhra Pradesh after the Viral Desaster

130. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPEDA is making any afforts to revive shrimp culture in Andhra Pradesh after the viral disaster last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a team has been constituted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps taken by MPEDA *inter alia* include:—

(i) Recommendation for declaration of 'crop holiday' for a period of 3-4 months as a measure to contain the spread of the virus;

(ii) Issue of guidelines for re-starting shrimp farming after the crop holiday;

(iii) Dissemination amongst farmers for adoption of information on pollution control including design for affluent treatment system developed and suggested by the National Environment Engineering Research Institute (NEERI).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Trade Relations with Yemen

131. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand trade relations with Yemen;

(b) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Yemen for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir, however, the Indo-Yemen Joint Committee, at its first meeting held recently from July 10-11, reached mutual under-standing on a number of points for the promotion of the bilateral trade relations.

(c) The two countries agreed on the need for measures to expand and diversify the trade. Items were indentified for Yemen's increased imports from India. The two countries would conclude a bilateral framework trade agreement. Any difficulties in the areas of banking, shipping, and issue of business visas would be addressed through mutual consultations. The importance of promoting direct business level contacts between the two sides was emphasised in particular.

Per-Capita Income in Gujarat

132. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether per-capita income in Gujarat has increased or decreased in 1993-94 and 1994-95 as compared to 1992-93;

(b) If so, the percapita income in Gujarat in 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(c) the estimated per-capita income in Gujarat during the first three months of the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The estimates of percapita income at

constant (1980-81) prices in Gujarat for the year 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are Rs. 2585, Rs. 2351 and Rs. 2929 respectively showing a decrease in 1993-94 and increase in 1994-95.

(c) Quarterly estimates of per capita income are not prepared.

Demand to increase quota of Kerosene, sugar and edible oil to Gujarat

133. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has made a demand to increase the quota of kerosene, sugar, edible oil etc. which is being given by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision taken by the Central Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Central Government propose to increase the quota of above items in view of the increasing population of tribal and backward people in the State; and

(e) if so, the details of item-wise quota increase by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (e) Requests for increase in the allocation of commodities for Public Distribution System (PDS) are received from time to time from different States, including Gujarat. Decisions to increase allocations are largely governed by availability of the commodity with the Central Government.

Government of Gujarat had requested for increase in the monthly allocation of wheat to 1,00,000 tonnes from 53,500 tonnes. Central Government has, on an adhoc basis, increased their allocation by 21,500 tonnes of wheat per month from May, 1995 to Decembr, 1995. The demand for imported edible oils from Gujarat from July to October, 1995 and the allocations made are as follows:—

Month (1995)	Demand (MTs)	Allocation (MTs)
July	8000	4000
August	4000	6000
September	8000	—
October	4000	—

Allocations for September and October will be decided based on the offtake of earlier allocations by Gujarat and demand from other States/UTs.

There is no proposal to increase the allocations of kerosene and levy sugar on a selective basis to any State including Gujarat. An overall growth rate of three per cent per annum in the allocations of kerosene have been maintained for the past three years. Within this overall increase, States with per capita availability less than the National average are given a differential increase in the allocation. During 1994-95, the allocation of SKO to Gujarat was 8.08 lakh tonnes. The per capita consumption of SKO through the PDS in Gujarat for 1994-95 was 19.52 kgs. as against the National average of 10.75 kgs.

Central Government has also decided to increase the allocations of levy sugar to all States/UTs by five per cent on an adhoc basis with effect from September, 1995.

Amount Required for Expansion and Development of various industries

134. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an